

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

As the general
public relies upon
the mass media to
provide an unbiased,
factual depiction of
events, using mass
media to further a
political ideology
is not only
dangerous, it is a
real threat to
American society.
Imagine if a station
was forced to air
Fahrenheit 9/11 in
prime time days
before the election?

The bias it could
cause may directly
affect the outcome
of an election,
without adequate
ability to show a
countervailing
opinion.

As the protector of
the public interest,
and our public
ownership of
airwaves, you are
obligated to ensure
all practitioners of
the public airwaves
serve the public
interest.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.